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1. On 19 and 20 February 1951, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig (N 52/E 21)- Heiterblick quartered about 2,500 troops, but did not seem to be occupied to capacity. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank insignia and a few with artillery insignia. A company of 90 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed. All of the soldiers were trained personnel, including many privates first class. Driving students were trained on two T-34 tanks, two JS-3 tanks, and one old KV-1 tank at the drill field

2. The Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 3,000 troops, all of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with artillery insignia and a few with tank insignia. Having seen a rocket launcher of about 70 mm with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, source believed that a rocket launcher unit was stationed there. In addition, source recognized two AAA units, one equipped with guns of about 80 mm and the

3. The Train Kaserne on Olbrichtstrasse quartered about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets, all of them without

4. The Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops. Late guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Officers and FM of all branches of service still entered and left the billeting area. ***

5. Between 9 and 13 February, German employees at the Flak Kaserne in Schoenau said that the installation was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and that most of the troops were recruits who had arrived there at the beginning of December 1950. Source daily observed about 150 soldiers undergoing basic infantry training. **

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
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
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*  Comment. The 21st Gds Mec, Regt. of the 8th Gds Mec Div is believed to be stationed in the Flak Kaserne in Heiterblick. See Compared with the last information supplied by the first source of the present report and a previous estimate by another source, the estimate, in the present report, of the number of troops in the installation has increased by 1,000. Since SP/guns and medium tanks observed in the installation since the beginning of 1950 cannot belong to the mechanized regiment, and since the APN of the 1st Gds Tank Regt in Borna has also been repeatedly reported from Leipzig-Heiterblick, it is possible that the Heiterblick installation also quarters some elements of the 1st Gds Tank Regt in Borna.

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**  Comment. Having gradually risen through a number of periodic reports, the estimate of 3,000 troops by the first source substantially differs from the estimate of only 1,200 troops by the second source. The weapons and the motor vehicle numbers reported corroborate a previous belief that the installation probably quarters headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, the 69th Gds Mec Regt of the 21st Gds Mec Div and elements of the 13th AAA Div of the Eighth Gds Army. It is possible that all these units may have an aggregate strength of 3,000 men.

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